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SUBJECT: COUNTERVAILING DUTY INVESTIGATION -- CHEESE FROM
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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRELIMINARY COUNTERVAILING DUTY
DETERMINATION CONCERNING CHEESE FROM FINLAND PUBLISHED ON
DECEMBER 16. BEGIN TEXT.

CUSTOMS SERVICE

CHEESE FROM FINLAND

PRELIMINARY COUNTERVAILING DUTY DETERMINATION

ON AUGUST 15, 1975, A "NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF COUNTERVAIL-
ING DUTY PETITION" WAS PUBLISHED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER
(40 FR 34423). THE NOTICE STATED THAT A PETITION HAD BEEN
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RECEIVED ALLEGING THAT PAYMENTS AND BESTOWALS CONFERRED BY

THE GOVERNMENT OF FINLAND UPON THE MANUFACTURE, PRODUCTION, OR EXPORTATION OF CHEESE CONSTITUTE THE PAYMENT OR BESTOWAL OF A BOUNTY OR GRANT, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, WITHIN THE MEANING OF SECTION 303 OF THE TARIFF ACT OF 1930, AS AMENDED (19 U.S.C. 1303).

ON THE BASIS OF AN INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO 159.47(C) CUSTOMS REGULATIONS (19 CFR 159.47(C), IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED PRELIMINARILY THAT A BOUNTY OR GRANT IS BEING PAID OR BESTOWED UPON THE MANUFACTURE, PRODUCTION,

OR EXPORTATION OF CHEESE FROM FINLAND. PROGRAMS CONSIDERED TO BE BOUNTIES OR GRANTS INCLUDE A DEFICIENCY PAYMENT PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT ON MILK WHICH IS DESIGNED TO OFFSET INCREASES IN MILK PRODUCTION COSTS, EXPORT REFUNDS PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO MAKE UP LOSSES ON SALES OF CHEESE EXPORTS, REGIONAL PRODUCTION ASSISTANCE SUBSIDIES, MILK TRANSPORTATION COST SUBSIDIES, AND PREFERENTIAL FINANCING FOR DAIRY PLANT MODERNIZATION IN DEVELOPING REGIONS.

IT HAS BEEN PRELIMINARILY DETERMINED, THEREFORE, THAT IMPORTS OF CHEESE FROM FINLAND BENEFIT FROM THE PAYMENT OR BESTOWAL OF A BOUNTY OR GRANT, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, WITHIN THE MEANING OF SECTION 303 OF THE TARIFF ACT OF 1930, AS AMENDED (19 U.S.C. 1303).

A FINAL DECISION IN THIS CASE IS REQUIRED BEFORE JUNE 11, 1976. BEFORE A FINAL DETERMINATION IS MADE, CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO ANY RELEVANT DATA, VIEWS OR ARGUMENTS SUBMITTED IN WRITING WITH RESPECT TO THIS PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION. SUBMISSIONS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS, 1303 CONSTITU-

TION AVENUE, N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C. 20229, IN TIME TO BE RECEIVED BY HIS OFFICE ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 15, 1976.

THIS PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION IS PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 303(A) OF THE TARIFF ACT OF 1930, AS AMENDED (19 U.S.C. 1303(A)).
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APPROVED: DECEMBER 11, 1975.
VERNON D. ACREE,
COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS.

DAVID R. MACDONALD,
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.
(RF DOC.75-33880 FILED 12-15-75;8:45AM)

END TEXT.

2. EMBASSY SHOULD BE AWARE THAT DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS
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